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UNION LEAGUE NOTES

The Union League of the Deaf, Inc., desiring to please its many patrons who during the year attended their socials, arranged with the Hudson River Day Line Steamboat Company, who own the vast place at Indian Point, for an outing on Sunday, August 7th, by the special steamer that leaves the 42nd Street pier at 8:30 A.M. They also arranged with the company for the use of a pier nearby where the steamer lands for a card party, and for use of the Athletic Field exclusively, paying for the privilege.

The outing proved a success, nearly 600 of the deaf from New York City's five boroughs, and many from out-of-town managed to catch the early special boat, others came up on other boats that make stops at 125th Street, and at Yonkers.

The day was an ideal one for the outing. Many on landing hied for the swimming pool.

Strange to relate there were twenty tables for the popular "500" game, managed by Messrs. A. Barr, Ben Mintz, the President, and Sol Isaacson. As there were so many, the committee divided the twenty tables into two sections. Each section to receive three cash prizes. The winners of the first section were: P. Ehnes, Mrs. H. Peters, and Mrs. William Aufort. Second section: Etta Redner, Mrs. Lily Garson, and Elizabeth McGuire.

There were two softball games at the Athletic Field. The first was between the Union League and a team from the Bronx. The latter won by 12 to 4. The second game was between the H. A. D. and a picked team, the H. A. D. won by 12 to 10. Each winning team received a purse of \$5.00. Mr. Sam Intrator was in charge of the ball games.

The most interesting and exciting of all were the foot races. These games were conducted by Messrs. Julius Farliser and Milton Koplowitz.

The 20-yards for little boys was won by Gerson Sparer. He received a silver medal. In the 20-yards for little girls, Flo Sparer won; Flo Ponte was second. They received medals.

In the 50-yards for girls, Miss Dorothy Fulton won; Miss Gertrude Levine was second. They received cash prizes.

In the 50-yards for boys Arthur Hurwitz won and Dave Brandelstein was second. Both are sons of the members. They were given medals.

In the three-legged race for girls, the winners were Misses G. Levine and R. Cameol. Cash prizes.

In the long distance baseball throwing for girls, Miss G. Levine was the winner. Marvin Kruger was the winner in a like event for boys. Cash prizes.

The most exciting, perhaps, was the last three foot races for men which interested the big crowd present.

In the 100-yard dash A. Gerlis won; G. Herbst was second.

In the 440-yard run H. Lifowitch was the winner; A. Gerlis was second.

In the 50-yard dash for men, not too fat or too lean, what the committee styled heavyweight; I. Gelb won; Mr. Lieber was second. All winners and seconds of the above races received cash prizes.

In a special sporting foot-race between Mr. A. A. Cohn, with a lap handicap, and Mr. Joe Mortiller, the former won after a very trying experience.

This concluded the foot races and then most of the spectators hied to the dancing pavilion. Here the dancing floor was kept crowded till the last boat left the Point at 9 P.M.

The affair though not entirely composed of the deaf, nevertheless, was a reminiscence of outings of yesteryears, given by societies of the deaf at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.

At the conclusion of the outing thanks were given the committee of arrangement by those who attended for the splendid and enjoyable outing, with the hope it will be repeated next year.

ST. ANN'S NOTES

Mrs. G. C. Braddock and daughter Margaret, are visiting relatives at various localities in the state of Nebraska, and are expected to return to New York about the middle of September.

Mr. Robert A. Kersetzer returned from Northumberland, Pa., about the first of August, from an enjoyable vacation spent touring the wilds of Central Pennsylvania with relatives. He says the Keystone state is the most beautiful in the world.

Miss Myra L. Barrager, Social Worker at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf, visited the Gallaudet Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf on Wednesday, August 10th, and found most of the old folks to be in good condition.

The Rev. Henry J. Pulver and the Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock visited the Rev. Oliver J. Whildin in Baltimore on Wednesday, August 10th. What was intended as a business call turned into a social call on the discovery at the Whildin domicile of such ornaments to society as Mrs. Whildin, Mrs. H. L. Tracy of Washington, D. C., and Rev. and Mrs. George F. Flick of Chicago, Ill.

A large number of the deaf attended the funeral of the late Harry Liebsohn, at Miraglia's Funeral Chapel in the Bath Beach section of Brooklyn, despite a pouring rain. The Rev. G. C. Braddock of St. Ann's Church, said the prayers, and Mr. Harry Goldberg, representing Brooklyn Division No. 23, N. F. S. D., said a few words in memory of the departed brother. The deceased was buried the next day, August 10th, in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. He was long a member of the International Typographical Union, and affiliated with No. 6. He was on the pension roll at the time of his decease.

BROOKLYN FRAT

The last public social affair of the summer season occurs on Saturday, August 20th, when Brooklyn Division No. 23, holds their "Frat Day" get-together at Luna Park, Coney Island, N. Y., during the afternoon and evening. Full details can be found in its advertisement on last page of this issue. The *Luna Park Roller Rink News* has the following to say about the affair in its issue of August:

A ROLLER SKATING PARTY OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

"Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N. F. S. D., are not making very much noise about their roller skating party to be held Saturday night, August 20th. Ordinarily one would think that quite odd, and we will agree to that.

"Well, the reason is that this particular organization is composed of members that can neither hear nor talk. But from reports they are doing a swell job of selling tickets in a very quiet way.

"We are beginning to wonder if it will be better to teach John Davidson and his staff to talk with their hands, or to work the floor with silent instructors from their own organization.

"You can be sure that they will have a grand time. They were with us last season and we got quite a kick watching them enjoy themselves."

Mr. Anthony C. Capelle returned to the Metropolis after a two-week sojourn in Ocean Grove, N. J., August 1st last.

The new grounds of the New York School for the Deaf is attracting quite many up there. Recent visitors noticed were Mr. and Mrs. A. Meacham, Dr. E. W. Nies, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cosgrove and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cleary, Mr. Charles Wiemuth, and Mr. William Lynch of Hartsdale. While not yet complete, the buildings and grounds are rapidly taking shape and when school opens will be ready to receive the pupils.

After half a century of living in New York City, Mr. William A. Renner moved with his family to White Plains, N. Y., last week. They reside on Harding Avenue, which is on auto Route No. 100, and the house number is also 100. Having lived all over the United States, Mrs. Renner regards the change as merely incidental. Five-year-old Marjorie is somewhat disappointed, there being no white planes to watch as expected. Son Bobbie has been at a camp in New Jersey the past month, so has no statement to make at present. Mr. and Mrs. Renner returned to New York City the next day after moving and went to Atlantic City for a week to recuperate.

Miss Madeline Baker of Dallas, Texas, was among the many out-of-town visitors noticed at the Union League excursion August 7th. Miss Baker, a vivacious and charming young lady, is perhaps the only known deaf woman linotype operator here. She is in the city for a month's stay.

Mr. Charles Wiemuth was one of the many outsiders who were present at the reunion of the Maryland School at Frederick, Md., recently. He spoke well of the fine spirit and cooperation shown by the alumni and the school. He dined with Supt. Ignatius Bjorlee, who at one time was his teacher at Fanwood. Mr. Wiemuth also was present at the convention of the Empire State Association held in Albany, N. Y., July 28th-31st.

The home of the Edward (Trolley) Carrs' once more is itself. Their young son, Eddie, Jr., who had been seriously ill at the Medical Center with bronchial pneumonia, has fully recovered and is now at home. Their oldest son, Lewis, has also returned from a two-weeks' vacation at camp in Smithtown, L. I. The only discord note noticed now is Papa Ed's grouch over the official baseball standing of his favorite team in the American League—the "Athletics."

Mr. Fred G. King, after a life-long residence in New York City, which is equivalent to fifty-five years, left the metropolis recently, and now is located in Miami, Florida, with his sisters. Mr. King is an artist of some ability and, no doubt, will be able to secure a lucrative situation in his line in that fast growing state.

Mr. William P. Hill of Boston, Mass., was in the city for a few hours, Sunday, the 14th, on his way home after a sojourn in Philadelphia. He attended the morning services at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf.

Mrs. Isabelle Gilbert of Amityville, L. I., is touring New England with her daughter, Bertha. When last heard from, they were at Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, and having a good time.

Mr. Edward Rappolt of Richmond Hill, L. I., is sojourning in Schenectady, N. Y., for a week or so with his married daughter, Gladys.

The Lutheran Guild of the Deaf held their annual picnic at Forest Park, L. I., on Sunday, August 14th, with quite a large attendance. Various games were enjoyed and refreshments served.

GEORGE THOMAS SANDERS

While on one of his week-end visits to New York City, Thursday, August 12th, Mr. George Thomas Sanders of Philadelphia, Pa., was seriously injured in the evening, being struck by a taxicab at 72d Street and Park Avenue. He was removed to Lenox Hill Hospital, where a hasty examination disclosed a fractured leg and deep gashes on his chin and forehead. After X-ray photographs were made, his injuries treated and his leg put in a cast, he was thought to be all right. His mind was clear and he was able to converse with those about him, but twelve hours later, Friday morning, the 13th, he died suddenly, due to the shock and possibly internal injuries.

His remains laid in repose at the Universal Funeral Home in this city, where on Saturday evening, Rev. Henry J. Pulver of All Souls' Church for the Deaf, Philadelphia, conducted the beautiful Protestant Episcopal funeral service, orally and in signs, for those present. Miss Eleanor E. Sherman, a very personal friend of the deceased, gracefully signed the hymn "Sunset and Evening Star," from Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," one of Mr. Sanders' favorite poems. There were present several deaf of the city, besides the immediate relatives of the deceased, who could be reached in the short interval. The remains were cremated and the ashes will later be buried with those of his wife, who died several years ago, in Vermont.

Mr. George T. Sanders was well known to many New Yorkers, more so in Philadelphia where he resided. He was the oldest of seven children, born March 5th, 1857, and was the first of the seven to go. He was 81 years old at the time of the accident, and was still hale and hearty. Besides his brothers and sisters, he leaves behind two dear daughters, Dorothy and Margaret, to whom his numerous friends extend their sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

EMILY F. LAING

Mrs. Emily F. Laing (nee Emily Ernst) died in a hospital in Bridgeport, N. J., on July 1st, after a lingering illness. She was 79 years of age, and was the widow of the late Alexander Laing of Brooklyn. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Laing had been residing at Vineland, N. J., with her son, Robert. Another son, Alexander Jr., lives in California. Both Mrs. Laing and her husband were for many years communicants of St. Ann's Church for the Deaf, and members of the Brooklyn Guild of the Deaf, conspicuous by their regularity of attendance. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Ridgewood, on the 5th of July, after a funeral service conducted by the Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock and attended by a few of her many Brooklyn friends among the deaf who were able to come after short notice. Also present were a number of her hearing friends who had been neighbors when she lived in Brooklyn.

The New Jersey Alumni Association held their picnic at Crystal Lake, N. J., on Saturday afternoon and evening, the 13th, with a fair crowd present, but a very enjoyable time reported.

Mr. Randall McClelland of Mountain View, N. J., has been confined to his home for several weeks due to an accident to his leg, which was broken in three places. He was playing in a softball game at Veger's farm and one of the players accidentally jumped on his foot. He is doing nicely and hopes to be around in a few weeks.

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IN THE Metropolitan district of New York educational circles have been impressed by the rapid expansion with which the trade school is growing. Arrangements for supplying additional supervisory positions are progressing. A provisional report on the subject shows that over two hundred shop subjects are now offered in the trade schools under a large force of teachers; the high schools alone offer 236 shop subjects under 1068 teachers. In fact the last ten years have witnessed such a rapid expansion of industrial education that many different trade subjects are now being taught.

The trade school field covers aviation mechanics, beauty culture, needle trades, printing trades, automotive trades, nautical trades, shoe manufacturing, refrigeration food trades, catering, cafeteria and tearoom training, meat merchandising, welding, drapery, window display.

The salaries offered teachers are the same as those paid to first assistants in academic high schools. Qualifications of teachers have already been decided upon but have not yet been finally adopted, pending decision on a petition of teachers already employed that the qualifications be so modified that only those with three years of teaching experience in a vocational high school shall be eligible as candidates for appointment. The qualifications are based upon three general requirements: education, to include at least one year of high school; trade experience, to include five years of journeyman grade, preceded by an apprentice period; teacher training preparation in approved training courses.

THERE is an increased demand among those connected with educational affairs to require that in the selection of teachers more consideration be given to their personalities. It is considered advisable that there

be established in every school system a definite personal program, concerned with the physical and moral health of the teachers, especially the prevention of personality complications within the school. School policies and routine should be studied in the light of their possible effect on teacher personality. As to the need of harmonious adjustments within the schools, before the assignment of a new teacher, he or she should meet the Principal of that school for the purpose of getting acquainted and talking things over. It is important to the successful functioning of a school that the teacher be made to feel at home at once, that he be introduced to the other teachers, made acquainted with the surroundings and with the particular problems of the school. On the part of the Principal in dealing with teachers, a friendly interest in their welfare is essential if that same spirit is to be reflected in the contacts of teachers with their pupils.

AMONG some people there seems to exist a belief or impression that, speaking generally, girl students are superior at studies than their brothers. This impression is strengthened by the idea that our educational system has pursued too closely a bookish, or what some consider feminine lines. This fails to fit boys for meeting life conditions in the present industrial situation.

The presumably superior intelligence of girls in high schools may be attributed to the fact that education has become feminized. Some claim that we need an educational system that will make this generation people-minded and machine-minded. The argument is offered that many boys pursuing high school courses have neither the academic intelligence nor skill with tools they should use in their high schools for specialized occupation-training. They lack the preparation for such worth-while and highly skilled occupations as plumbing, house painting, machine-shop practice, automobile mechanics and many other trades.

The addition to the more customary subjects of an "information room," where modern trends may be explained and discussed is among other suggestions proffered as additional present requirements. Above all it is contended, that all the boys in high schools should be given industrial shop training to aid them to live in the world of machines. Industrial design is still in its infancy, but it is growing so rapidly that changes occur almost daily.

Still all these arguments for increased attention to industrial requirements in teaching boys do not bring us any closer to a solution of the claim that girls are superior to boys at study. It appears to overlook or minimize another consideration namely, that girls are gradually broadening their field of employment in new lines of occupation. While these may not be exactly in competition with boys, yet they indicate advancing originality in occupation. There still remains an element of doubt as to whether the explanation offered for the alledged superiority of girl students in educational studies.

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Maryland School Reunion,
June 10-12

Over 471 were present on the campus of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, Frederick, Md., Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, superintendent. The occasion was the twelfth quadrennial reunion of all graduates, former students and deaf residents of Maryland, who had been invited to be guests of the school from Friday evening, June 10th through Sunday evening, June 12th. Deaf residents of various other sections of the country were also present, the majority being from the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania.

The reunion began with a reception in the commodious gymnasium, one of the finest of its kind in the country, Friday night, at 8 o'clock, when addresses of welcome and greetings were made by the Honorable Lloyd C. Culler, Mayor of Frederick, Md.; Hon. Charles McC. Mathias, who represented the Board of Visitors of the School, and Dr. Bjorlee, superintendent, who welcomed the guests and visitors to the school.

Responses were made by Henry O. Nicol of Washington, D. C., president of Maryland State School Alumni Association; John A. Trundle of Centerville, and Sheldon Blumenthal of Baltimore, a graduate of the school, who is now attending Gallaudet College.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Trundle entered the Maryland school with the first class almost seventy years ago and are among the oldest as well as the first of the school's pupils. They are the only two of three surviving members who enrolled at the first session in the old barracks long before the present school building was built.

Movies were shown followed by delectable refreshments, daintily served by a bevy of winsome girls.

A business meeting of the Alumni Association was held Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the school chapel, with President Henry O. Nicol, presiding. The officers of the Association were: H. O. Nicol, president; S. R. McCall of Baltimore; first vice-president; Mrs. John R. Wallace of Spokane, Wash., second vice-president; George H. Faupel of Frederick, secretary; Orlando K. Price, Sr., of Baltimore, treasurer; Abraham Omansky of Baltimore, chairman of Board of Trustees; Harry G. Benson and Uriah B. Shockley, both of Frederick, trustees, and Michael Weinstein of Baltimore, member-at-large.

After the customary routine of business was disposed of a number of committee reports were read and approved. W. W. Duvall, chairman of Resolutions Committee, submitted the following report and recommendations:

Resolved, That the Alumni Association of Maryland State School for the Deaf, in the 12th Quadrennial Reunion assembled at Maryland State School for the Deaf, desires to take this opportunity to express to the Board of Visitors and Superintendent Bjorlee; to the members of the school staff, and to all others, who so wholeheartedly gave their unselfish and untiring efforts, its profound thanks and appreciation for the generous manner in which they, and each of them, have cooperated and contributed toward making this Reunion such an unparalleled success. It is our desire that this resolution be made a part of the permanent record of our Association, as an indication of our appreciation; and we further direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the persons for their wonderful never-to-be-forgotten hospitality and gracious cooperation on behalf of our Association.

Be it resolved, That we, graduates and former students, reaffirm our unalterable loyalty and support to Superintendent Bjorlee for his able and efficient administration, putting the School on a high plane of usefulness.

Be it further resolved, That in recognition of his notable services generously rendered not only to the School but the deaf in general, of Maryland and the United States, the Association desires to express its deep appreciation.

Resolved, That we respectfully request that the Maryland Legislature, at its next session, through the cooperation of Superintendent Bjorlee and the Board of Visitors, an appropriation as deemed necessary be enacted for the purpose of enlarging the

vocational training courses by providing additional classes such as beauty culture, photo-engraving and barbering, same being urgently needed at the School.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Frederick Post-News for liberal space given in their papers and sympathetic and accurate coverage of the Reunion and Alumni proceedings.

Resolved, That in reverence we mourn the passing of our dear friend and co-worker, the late Miss Edith Markey, who had been closely affiliated with the School for thirty-seven years. Her benevolence and devotion to the School will long be remembered.

Resolved, That our Association heartily endorses the aims and tendencies of the two organizations of national prominence—National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and National Association of the Deaf—as promoting the solidarity of the deaf and creating a favorable impression in the public mind concerning the class.

Resolved, That we thank the Honorable Lloyd C. Culler, Mayor of Frederick, Md., for his presence at the opening ceremonies and his address of welcome and greetings extended to the Alumni; also to Mr. Charles McC. Mathias, for his splendid address of welcome in behalf of the Board of Visitors.

Resolved, That we regret the recent passing of the late Mr. Isaac H. Moss, a member of the Board of Visitors. Sympathy is extended to his bereaved family.

The officers elected for the ensuing term of four years were: H. O. Nicol, president (reelected); S. R. McCall, first vice-president (reelected); J. Pfeiler, second vice-president; Mrs. A. Wriede, secretary; and O. K. Price, Sr., treasurer (reelected).

In the afternoon an outing was enjoyed by the guests at Braddock Heights, six miles distant, nestled high in the Catoclin Mountains.

Following the outing the guests were treated to a deluxe floor show in the school gymnasium in the evening, under the personal direction of Mr. Arthur Tewes, a well-known Baltimore theatrical entertainer. The program:

1. Ball Room Fantasy—Purnell and Eddy.
2. Comedy Juggler and Funny Man—Vin Carey.
3. Acrobatic Dance—Faye Moran.
4. Rag picture artist—Frank Rudel.
5. Adagio dance—Purnell and Eddy.

In a contest to select the Maryland School queen, who will hold the honor for the next four years, Miss Evelyn Wenner of Cumberland, of the class of 1934, was chosen from thirty-two contestants of the Association. Supt. Bjorlee crowned this attractive and vivacious lady in a pretty ceremony.

In recognition of forty-five years of service, Mr. Harry G. Benson, printing instructor, was presented with a handsome gold Elgin watch and chain as a token of esteem and appreciation of the Association. Supt. Bjorlee made a neat presentation speech, and Mr. Benson was visibly moved to tears and was unable to utter for a couple of minutes a word of his gratitude.

Another pleasant surprise was sprung upon the assemblage when Mr. Thomas Miller of Mt. Rainier, Md., presented Dr. Bjorlee a picture of the school cleverly executed entirely in 5,210 regulation matches. It required six months of spare-time painstaking work. Mr. Miller's skill with matches has been recently featured in Ripley's "Believe It or Not."

On Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and the closing day of the reunion, the chapel was filled to capacity when an interdenominational service was held. Rev. Ralph E. Hartman, pastor of Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, preached an inspiring and spiritual sermon, with Dr. Bjorlee interpreting. He was assisted by Rev. D. E. Moylan, Methodist clergyman to the deaf from Baltimore, and Rev. Edward F. Kaercher of Philadelphia, Pa., Lutheran clergyman to the deaf.

Toward dusk the guests and visitors reluctantly wended their way homeward after declaring the reunion one of the most enjoyable and harmonious events of their lives, and looking eagerly for another reunion four years hence.

W. W. D.

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Knights and Ladies of De l'Epee

Ball and Entertainment

Saturday, October 8, 1938

At Brooklyn Elks Club

24th Biennial Convention Ontario Association of the Deaf

Two months after the echoes died away of the 24th biennial convention of the Ontario Association of the Deaf, held at the Belleville School for the Deaf, June 18th to June 22d, they are still talking of that magnificently planned, well-executed and socially diverting reunion.

The registry showed 150 delegates enrolled on Saturday, but this number was augmented by 75 additional newcomers by Sunday. It was freely predicted that the attendance mark would be materially slashed as the week-end terminated, but to the surprise of all there was no diminution of conventioners, who turned out *en masse* to the auditorium for important deliberations, and who also enjoyed to the utmost the various social attractions planned for them. Much of the success of this convention can be attributed to that fine spirit of hospitality accorded our association by Supt. Morrison and his colleagues, who abiding by the request of the Provincial Department of Education, left no stones unturned to make this gathering the most memorable within recall of seasoned delegates (and there were four septuagenarians on the society's roll call—returning to renew their youth on the beautiful campus of their alma mater facing Bay of Quinte).

When President John Shilton mounted the dais in the school auditorium on the evening of June 18th, it was the signal for the opening ceremonies. Inaugurated by the chair, a series of brief speeches of welcome was delivered by the following speakers: Mr. W. J. Morrison, superintendent of the Belleville School for the Deaf; Miss Catherine Ford, principal of the school; Rev. Mr. W. J. Walker, president, Protestant Ministerial Association of Belleville; Mr. C. L. Hyde, Chairman, Board of Education, Belleville; Mr. Jamieson Bone, Mayor of Belleville; Mr. W. J. Stewart, teacher-emeritus, who will reach the ripe old age of 80 years during August. Mr. Robert McBrien, a director of the O. A. D., in a few, well-chosen remarks, responded to the various addresses of welcome.

Prexy Shilton, considering it an opportune time to acquaint the civic dignitaries with some of our most pressing problems, delivered his presidential address ahead of customary schedule. Among some important things he hammered home to us were contained in the following paragraphs:

The Deaf Labor Bureau will submit its report at the right time during the convention. At your convention in Hamilton, it was decided to send a deputation to the Minister of Labor for the establishment of a Labor Bureau for the Deaf in Ontario under the charge of a placement officer operating under the Department of Labor. This was attended to last May, and the late Hon. M. M. McBride was courteous to our deputation, and remarked time and again about his determination to help us out to the uttermost of his ability and influence. But two weeks later he suddenly died, to our great shock and disappointment. However, we intend to keep up this worthy step, and to press it till its completion. Our hopes of ultimate success along this line were never so bright and strong. I also desire to add a word of warning to the deaf now in employment before I leave this subject. The business recession started in March, 1937, in the United States, and is beginning to make itself felt in Canada. I most earnestly appeal to every deaf worker to hold on to his or her job even if the pay be small, as vacant jobs are very scarce these days.

Another important adjunct of the Association is in the form of the Upper Canada Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf. It became a part of our Association two years ago. Since then, it has been found that to be legal, its affairs must be conducted and discussed in a separate meeting, so in order to comply with the law, the members of the Ontario Association of the Deaf can remain in a body during this Convention, and conduct a special meeting of the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf, hearing reports of its doings, discussing its affairs, and electing its own officers and directors. All this because it is an incorporated body, while the O. A. D. is not. The charter of the Home is with me and open for your inspection. It requires a separate slate of officers and directors, elected each year to run the Home business during the next year, to meet an-

nually to receive reports and to decide on its business, and to have its own minute and financial books separately from those of the Ontario Association of the Deaf. I am particularly anxious to have all this done within the law.

At the Hamilton Convention in 1936, it was passed to donate the Princeps Alumnus and Alumnae Prizes to the head boy and the head girl at the Ontario School for the Deaf at its closing school exercises in June of each year. Mr. Robert E. McBrien, the originator of this excellent idea, was the first representative of the Association to present those prizes in June, 1937. I was honored to do the same thing this month. The recipients of these awards were worthy of the same, and I trust will prove themselves up to our expectations as leaders of the deaf in later years.

The Association, in conjunction with the Ontario School for the Deaf, last winter conducted a complete survey of the Ontario deaf. The statistics thus obtained have quite opened our eyes, and should be of much material help to those desiring to find out certain information in relation to our class of people. Mr. E. B. Lally, the Vocational Director of the School, has kindly consented to give us an address as a result of his own observations from the recent survey. He is a most faithful and energetic worker in his line, and also a very indispensable member of the school staff—always anxious to help the deaf in various ways.

Another equally valuable member of the school teaching staff, Miss Catherine Ford, has been kind enough to promise a talk on a subject of educational interest. It is to be hoped that her remarks will assist the Association to formulate its future policy on educational matters. It has long been maintained that the Association should keep its hands clear of anything in the Ontario School for the Deaf, but I firmly assert its right to be interested therein, at least, to a certain extent. Nearly all graduates and ex-pupils of the school will sooner or later drift into our group and we have to associate with them, no matter what type of education they may have received at the school. We daily observe their actions and reactions and naturally desire to state our opinions on certain educational matters. We do not want to create trouble for anybody but we think we have a right to speak out from time to time when we see a chance to have any apparent lack discussed.

For instance, the English used by the average deaf is below par. We cannot help concluding that those deaf people poor in English are a constant challenge to the Ontario School for the Deaf. We believe that the deaf, once well grounded in English, can generally take care of almost everything else. We rather suspect that lip-reading, so much stressed at the school for the deaf, has interfered with the time given to the teaching of English. Lip-reading is a much desired accomplishment, like music. In hearing schools, music is not forced on every pupil, but only those with a natural knack for it, learn it. But in the deaf school, every deaf child is expected to become an expert lip-reader.

We feel it is not fair to the deaf pupil. Only those deaf children with a natural gift for learning to read lips, and they are small in number, like musically gifted children, become skillful lip-readers. The deaf graduate with a good command of English, can get along in the world by himself, while the one with poor English always has to depend on others for help. We believe in good English as the most important part of the deaf child's educational equipment. We state these opinions as a result of our own association with each other in daily life. However, we are sure that the Superintendent, Mr. W. J. Morrison, and his assistants are ever on the watch for the best methods of deaf instruction, both academic and vocational, and will rejoice with them when they finally find some superexcellent method. Therefore, we are awaiting Miss Ford's address with the greatest interest.

Dr. H. E. Amoss' interest in the deaf and their problems have been increasing steadily ever since he became associated with the Ontario school work. His latest attempt is in form of the proposed formation of the Canadian Federation of the Deaf. He invited some leading representatives from the existing deaf and hard-of-hearing organizations to a special luncheon in Toronto, at which it was decided to hold an interim official meeting for the purpose of giving a serious start to the Canadian Federation of the Deaf at an early date. Howard J. Lloyd, David Peikoff and myself, on behalf of our Association, attended those gatherings and were put on more than one committee to assist the launching of that Federation. Dr. Amoss' main idea in this new organization is that it should serve as a central body to aid in providing devices of hearing to those deaf people unable to afford them, in seeking ways and means of lessening loneliness among scattered deaf people, in finding work for the unemployed deaf, in having necessary measures passed in the legislatures in the interest of the deaf, and in doing, for the deaf, other things quite similar to those being done by that powerful Canadian Institute for the Blind for the blind people. It is too early yet to decide how much good it is going to work for our own class of deaf people, but I think we should give Dr. Amoss our best co-operation as far as possible, for the present. He promised to give us an address during the convention. Knowing he is always anxious to help the deaf, I sincerely hope we can make him feel he is one of our good friends.

Upon conclusion of various speeches, an assortment of stage playlets enthused the large crowd. Mr. Fred W. Terrell, attired in the outfit of a dashing British Grenadier officer, recited in a stirring manner the immortal song, "The Charge of the Light Brigade." His dramatic recital was punctuated on fit occasions by sounds suggestive of booming cannons. He was followed by a dance skit presented by recent school graduates, Misses Betty Ottman and Helen Hallman. Charles Wilson, in his inimitable style, convulsed the optience with his faultless impersonations of recognized characters. Each act of his created a mirthquake until everyone was laughing himself sore. Ice-cream and cake rounded out a perfect evening.

Sunday morning and evening were given over to religious exercises and the delegates spent the rest of the day sightseeing and in gabfest.

On Monday morning soon after the minutes of the previous convention were read and approved, the auditing committee reported favorably upon the treasurer's report, which showed a balance in bank of \$197.08. In addition to this amount, the O. A. D. also owns 200 shares of stocks worth \$2,550.

Chairman John Shilton next gave his report on the Deaf Labor Bureau, the substance of which were already outlined in his presidential address.

Easily an outstanding report was that presented by Mr. E. B. Lally, vocational guidance officer of the Ontario School for the Deaf, which runs as follows:

The survey of the deaf of the Province of Ontario has been made possible only by the close cooperation existing between the officers of the Ontario Association of the Deaf and the Superintendent of the School for the Deaf, under the Department of Education. May I express my personal appreciation to the officers of the O. A. D., and particularly to the President, Mr. John Shilton, and to Mr. David Peikoff, the Secretary. Both of these men have aided by suggestions, the supplying of names and addresses, and have shown willingness to cooperate that could not be surpassed. My thanks are likewise extended to those who completed the questionnaire form, and helped others to do so.

Today, I would ask the very special cooperation of all those who are here so that we may receive during the summer and fall a one hundred per cent return to this questionnaire. The list of addresses from which I worked numbered over sixteen hundred people who had attended this school at some time. To date only about a fifty per cent return has been made. True there are many who have moved to other provinces, or to the United States, or who have died, or who cannot be located. But there still remain a large number who are living in Ontario and who have not answered. On the latest revised list there are about 100 who are known to me personally, but who are apparently not known to the officers of the O. A. D. and for that reason it has been difficult to contact them. Therefore I am asking that you take it upon yourselves to see that every deaf person whom you know will make a return.

As far as possible I have tried to send a form to every person who attended this school. Some attended this school for a term of ten, eleven, or twelve years, graduating with Entrance, from a high school course, with diplomas from the Academic department and vocational department. Others attended this school for a period of from one to four years. Some did not come to school till they were young men and women, when it was extremely difficult to teach them. Others there were who did not have the ability to benefit to any extent from the year or few years they were here. All this must be kept in mind in considering the replies to the questionnaire. For example: A man came to school at a late age, and remained here for one or two years. He was probably assigned to one of the shops for an hour or an hour and half each school day, and on his return he will say that he learned a certain trade whilst at school. Such, of course, would be far from reliable information. Thus in considering the replies it must be borne in mind that the figures compiled must be only approximate.

The purpose of such a survey was twofold: first, it does provide the O. A. D. with fairly accurate information in regard to the employment situation in the province, and does give the school accurate data in regard to the jobs the deaf are actually doing.

The following facts have been compiled from the returns:

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| Number of deaf persons replying | 838 |
| Number of married men (and women) | 400 |
| Number of married men steadily employed | 107 50% |
| Number of single girls replying | 175 |
| Number of single girls working (not at home) | 44 25% |
| Number of single men replying | 263 |

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| Number of single men steadily employed | 101 30% |
| Total number of men replied | 463 |
| Total number of men considered unemployable | 27 |
| Total number of men considered employable | 436 |
| Total number of men steadily employed | 208 45% |
| Number of men who followed the same trade as they learned at school | 122 |
| Number of men who did not follow the same trade as they learned at school | 170 |

| Trade learned | A | B |
|-----------------------|-----|----|
| Baking | 10 | 4 |
| Barbering | 6 | 3 |
| Business | 7 | 8 |
| Caretaking | 2 | 7 |
| Farming | 24 | 57 |
| Tailoring | 4 | 1 |
| Cleaning and pressing | 2 | 4 |
| Printing | 114 | 54 |
| Shoemaking | 114 | 41 |
| Commercial Art | 8 | 3 |
| Carpentry | 127 | 32 |

A—Number. B—Number who worked at this trade.

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| Number with both parents hearing | 709 |
| Number with both parents deaf | 20 |
| Number with one parent deaf | 20 |
| Not reported | 89 |
| Number owning automobiles | 94 |
| Number having operator's license | 106 |
| Number involved in accidents | 9 |

In the case of accidents, only one was a major accident in which the deaf party was not at fault. In one other case where a court was the sequel, the deaf person involved was absolved of blame and awarded damages.

And now may I give to you the facts concerning the present arrangement of academic and vocational work at the school showing what progress has been made in the past few years, an arrangement brought into effect whilst Dr. Amoss was acting superintendent. Previously boys and girls had an academic period of five to five and one-half hours per day and a vocational period of one and one-half hours per day. The vocational work consisted of printing, shoemaking and carpentry for the boys, together with a course in manual training. For the girls there was sewing and cooking, with considerable laundry work.

Today instruction is given in a far greater number of courses. They are listed so you can see just what is being offered to the boys and girls.

Dressmaking, Miss Conover; Sewing, Miss Leacock; Power-operating, cleaning and pressing, Miss Conover; Manual Training, Mr. Stratton; Business, Vocational Guidance, Business Practice, Mr. Lally; Carpentry (Shop and Maintenance), Mr. O'Hara; Woodworking, Mr. Vaughan; Printing and Linotyping, Mr. L. Morrison; Shoe repairing, Mr. Truman; Baking, Mr. Gibson; Beauty Culture, Mrs. Gilbert; Home Nursing, Miss Fitzgerald, Reg. N.; Caretaking, Mr. Coles; Barbering, Mr. Stark; Foods and Homemaking, Miss Daly; Agriculture, Mr. Munday; Commercial Art, Miss Cass.

A child on entering the intermediate school has 70 minutes each day in Manual Training or Household Science, 35 minutes each day in a vocational guidance group, and 35 minutes each week in vocational guidance instruction. The remaining part of the school day which is six hours he spends in academic work—arithmetic, English (Reading and Language), and in Social Studies.

The child on entering the Senior school at the age of 14 or 15 spends three hours each day in academic work—Arithmetic, English, and Social Studies. The remaining three hours he spends in his special vocational work which he has chosen. In addition he has 35 minutes each week in each of art, rhythm, and business practice. The recreational period is in charge of fully qualified instructors so that the physical well-being is maintained throughout the year. The work in this period has very often a bearing upon chances for employment by the special contacts it offers and by the well developed physique attained.

Our three-hour a day period in special vocational work is planned to extend over a period of from three to four years, with a special full-time period for those who graduate and who show promise of obtaining special benefit from intensive work. Our major objectives in our vocational training is to have the boy or girl attain speed and accuracy in all operations. It must be considered, of course, that the school shop is not an industrial shop. We can train our boys and girls in the operations, always striving to attain speed and accuracy, but we cannot say that the boy or girl has a trade, but we can train them so that they can perform the work required so that the employer will give them an opportunity to show what they can do, they will be able to convince him that they can perform the job required.

A summary of the answers to Question 36 was printed in the June issue of the *Canadian*, and I believe that every person who sent in a reply received a copy of the June issue. You will note that one of the most frequently mentioned causes for lack of work is the scarcity of contacts, and the lack of a chance to show what the deaf man can do.

I trust that this report will give you in a concrete way the information that your officers would like, and at the same time will

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show you how the Department of Education has endeavored to broaden the scope of vocational training, under competent instructors, and putting it on a par with the academic training received in the senior school.

In consideration of the entire question of finding jobs one must also take into account the fact that many of our students fail to finish their course in vocational work. Such students who have an elementary knowledge in some branch of vocational work sometimes become imbued with the idea that they can take their place alongside trained workers. Such a course of action is very detrimental to the best interests of the deaf, and should be discouraged. At the school I have evolved this year a system whereby information is available at the end of each school year as to just what each boy and girl can do. A copy of such information is given to the pupil to take home with him, so that if he does fail to return to school there will be no misrepresentation on his part when he makes application for a job. This is mentioned as only one of the many ways in which we are endeavoring to raise our standards of performance for the training courses, and to provide parents, pupils, and prospective employers with definite information as to what the boy can do when he leaves the school.

President Shilton, in commenting upon Mr. Lally's report, reminded the members that the survey conducted jointly by the O. A. D. and the provincial school, incurred a heavy outlay of \$300, which was entirely borne by the school. A rising vote of thanks was given to Supt. Morrison for his generous assistance in this far-reaching project.

On Monday evening two hours were set aside for a mass meeting of the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf, a report of which was given by Chairman John Shilton. A new slate of officers were elected to carry on the work of this organization independently of the O. A. D.

Eight new amendments were added to the Constitution and By-Laws on Monday evening, following the resumption of session of the O. A. D.

On Tuesday morning Mr. H. J. Lloyd, chairman of the Automobile Deaf Owners' Protective Committee, submitted his report. No serious accidents involving deaf drivers have been recorded since the previous convention. The committee busied itself the moment some caustic magistrates inveighed against deaf drivers and embarked upon public enlightenment via dissemination of printed booklets depicting deaf drivers as model drivers to be patterned after.

The site for the next convention was left in the hands of the executive committee to decide upon.

The assembly voted for support of a move to be affiliated with the Canadian Federation of the Deaf.

The election of officers on Tuesday afternoon resulted in the following set-up of the O. A. D. executive committee: President, David Peikoff, Toronto (acclamation); Vice-president, N. L. Gladow, Hamilton; Secretary, Victor Shanks, Toronto (acclamation); Treasurer, H. J. Lloyd, Brantford (acclamation); Directors, John T. Shilton, Toronto; R. E. McBrien, Peterboro; Joseph Rosnick, Toronto.

The 24th biennial convention of the O. A. D. was adjourned *sine die* at 3:20 o'clock Tuesday. The rest of the afternoon was spent in completing a sports program begun on the day previously.

In the evening a banquet, which for excellence of cuisine and speeches has rarely been surpassed in the history of O. A. D. conventions which had been held at the school, wound up the convention. A movie show was given in the auditorium at the conclusion of the flow of wit at the festive board, and thirst was quenched by tempting punch served to everyone by school authorities.

By Wednesday noon the 24th biennial convention of the Ontario Association of the Deaf had become history and a wonderful occasion to recall.

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Friday, October 21, 1938

MINNESOTA**MINNESOTA PRIMARY BUILDING**

Work on the new \$75,000 primary building at the Minnesota School for the Deaf is progressing and will be ready for housing 60 children from the ages of six to nine when the school term opens in the fall. The building is slated to be completed in August.

The building, 123 by 40 feet, is being built of native Faribault stone furnished by Frank Hallet from the former Cromer's quarry east of Faribault. The building will have Kasota stone trim.

The first contract, awarded to Ganley and Company, St. Paul, including the excavation, footings, walls for the basement, concrete slab for the first floor, front and rear rough in for steps, has now been completed. The contract for approximately \$8,000 also included a tunnel five by seven connecting with the main power plant for carrying heat and water pipes.

The contract for the main structure has been awarded to the Madsen-Simonson Construction Company of St. Paul for \$49,896. This contract provides for completing the superstructure, finishing the first floor, dormitory for 30 boys in the south wing and 30 girls in the north wing. At the entrance will be a cat and dog cut out of Kasota stone and these are now being put into place. The roof will be of Perflath wall with Kasota coping and 20 year bonded gravel roof.

The basement will include dining room, kitchen, playroom and storage room. There will be 12 dormitory rooms of various sizes with 60 beds. Three house mothers will have separate rooms.

The top floor will be used for class rooms eventually, but an additional appropriation of about \$8,000 will be necessary. In the meantime the children living in the new building will continue to use the present classrooms.

The grading, sidewalk, and painting will be done by the employees of the school under the supervision of A. H. Klement, engineer, and superintendent of buildings, Mr. Klement's acting as supervisor and inspector for the entire job. Ray H. Gauger, St. Paul, is the architect.

The plumbing and heating contract was awarded to Reuben Anderson, St. Paul, for \$8,479. The Peoples Electric Company of St. Paul, was awarded the electrical contract for \$2,110.

The radiators will be re-set with automatic thermostatic control. There will be individual controls in each room and a master control at the front entrance. The door frames and sash work will be in oak in natural colors and there will be tile floors.

The building will fill a need at the local institution which has been felt for many years, providing a separate building for the smaller children. When completed the building will provide all the requirements for the little folks including sleeping rooms, classrooms, meals and recreation.

MURAL PAINTINGS

Two large mural paintings symbolizing the progress man has made culturally and mechanically through the use of his hands are being painted in the main auditorium of the Minnesota School for the Deaf.

The designs are surrealistic representations of great hands growing out of the earth, surrounded in the one painting by symbols of agricultural and mechanical achievement, in the other by symbols of the advance of learning in many fields. Watching eyes stand out along one side of the paintings, illustrating a mute but eloquent communication with the hands. This is appropriate to the school where the deaf are educated in lip-reading and their eyes and hands trained in expression.

The panels are being painted above doors on either side of the stage and the designs have been planned to conform to the architectural construction of the room. The project is made possible by WPA direction and funds.

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